(c) if so, why and how proposed to rectify as also what action is contemplated against Managing Director for misleading Administrator?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI D. L. BAITHA): (a) Administrator of NCCF has been vested with the powers of its Board of Directors as per the provisions of the Multi State Cooperative Societies Act, 1984. In exercise of the powers under Clause 27(xix) of bye-laws of NCCF, the Administrator has delegated certain powers to Managing Director.

(b) and (c) In view of reply to part (a) above, does not arise.

Supply of Salt Unfit for Human Consumption in Mizoram by NCCF

1856. SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that scarcity of salt existed in Mizoram when NCCF had brought common salt for Mizoram where its entry is banned on health grounds, stored the said salt worth Rs. 57 lakhs at Silchar in 1985-86 and Government of Mizoram found these stocks unfit for consumption on chemical examination by Public Analyst;

(b) whether it is also a fact that NCCF had appointed a person reportedly declared bad character by local police as its handling and storage agent for the said salt at Silchar without following proper procedure and did not take precaution for change of stock and there was huge shortage; and

(c) whether it is a fact that there was collusion between NCCF officials and legal adviser to throw the blame on Government of Mizoram and to shield the culprits and NCCF continues with same legal adviser?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI D. L. BAITHA): (a) NCCF purchased iodised salt (not common salt) valuing Rs. 21.65 lakhs on behalf of Mizoram Government. A portion of the salt was declared unfit for human consumption by Mizoram Government on chemical examination by Public Analyst.

(b) NCCF has no information about the handling agent being declared as bad character by local police. Regarding the replacement of stocks, the matter was taken up with the supplier who maintained that the quality of salt was satisfactory except a small portion. Therefore, replacement of stock was not considered necessary. There has been shortage of 1239.225 MTs of salt from handling Agent's go down.

(c) No collusion has been reported between NCCF officials and the legal adviser. NCCF have decided to file a suit against the Government of Mizoram on whose behalf iodised salt was purchased as also the handling agent for recovery of dues.

Loss to NCCF Patna Branch Potatoes deal

1857. SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to refer to reply to Unstarred question 1243 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 6th May, 1988 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the involved Branch Manager (Patna) of NCCF had been granted three advance increments,

(b) whether any enquiry has been conducted as promised; and

(c) if so, what is the outcome thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI D. L. BAITHA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The enquiry report is under examination.

Import of Seeds

1858. SHRI K. V. THANGKABALU: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be